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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES, PARTICULARLY HCV NS3-
NS4A PROTEASE

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a three-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated January 8, 2008. With this extension of time a response is due on July 8, 2008. In lieu of a response Applicants are submitting on this date (July 8, 2008) a Continuation Application. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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